December 2019

Bridges2Honduras

Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf. Below is a list of our daily prayer requests.

Sunday
God gives spiritual and numeric growth in both the Corquín and Potrerillos congregations

Monday
Our plans and actions are guided directly by God and that He gets the glory in everything we do

Tuesday
Women's Group Bible study and children's classes

Wednesday
Individual Bible studies with non-believers

Thursday
Mid-week Bible study

Friday
Program for School Children

Saturday
Men's Group Bible study

First Mini Bootcamp Graduation

In February of this year, Mission UpReach began coming to Corquín to teach a four consecutive-day intensive Bible class to anyone that was interested. Throughout the year, they came five times and taught on various topics including; what is the church, the book of Ephesians, as well as basic spiritual disciplines. Attendance varied for each session, but usually there were anywhere from sixteen to twenty individuals.

This month the Mission held their graduation ceremony for those who completed their CRESCO program. This is the first year that Mini Bootcamps were offered as they were this year in Corquín, and MUR generously included in the celebration those who completed all five sessions with passing grades. Seven people from Corquín qualified and were invited to participate. Each received a certificate for completing the program's sixty hours of instruction and a new Bible. We are very proud of all of those who put in all of this time and energy to successfully complete these courses.

The celebration was bittersweet as one of the graduates, Elena, could not attend. Two days earlier the doctors discovered a tumor in her husband's brain, and she was at the hospital with him. After the graduation, we all went to the hospital to pray with them. We also presented her with her certificate and gift Bible at that time.

An Opportunity to Trust in God

As we just mentioned, Elena's husband Tonito was diagnosed with a brain tumor. This was a scary diagnosis for the family, for the church, and for the community. This would be frightening for anyone living in the United States, but for someone living here it is worse. Getting good medical help is difficult and expensive. When the doctors in Corquín couldn't figure out what to do, Kris drove Tonito and Elena to the free public hospital in Santa Rosa. They didn't have a CAT scan machine at that hospital, so he was transported to a private hospital for the test then back to the public hospital. It was determined that he needed an MRI. However, the closest MRI machine is in San Pedro, about a three-hour drive away. Once the ambulance was paid in advance, he was taken there and back that evening. That is how the tumor was discovered. He was immediately admitted into the free hospital, where due to over-crowding, each man shared a regular-sized hospital bed with another man. Yes, you read that right, two to a bed, regardless of their illnesses. After one night of being subject to that, Tonito's father put together enough money to move him to the private hospital for the surgery and recovery, which had to be paid in its entirety before being discharged. There are no account services here.

The church was praying earnestly for Tonito. Groups spent time together praying before, during, and after his five-hour surgery. We all waited on pins and needles for thirteen days to receive the news from his biopsy…negative for cancer! The family and the church are so relieved. Please pray for this family and for the faith of our church as they continue to learn to lean on God, no matter what comes our way or no matter how situations turn out. God is worthy of praise…always. *(This family came to know Christ through the Mission. Their son, Ernesto, is part of the Moses Project. His parents started coming to church in 2016.)*

Photos:
The morning of Tonito's surgery. We were praying for God to be in control and for us to accept His will for the outcome.

The Final Sunday of the Year

For our final Sunday of the year, the Corquín church invited the Potrerillos church to join them for a united service. Those leading were a mixture of men from both congregations and it was beautiful. After the assembly, we all shared a time of fellowship and food. Please continue to pray for the maturing and growth of both of these congregations.

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